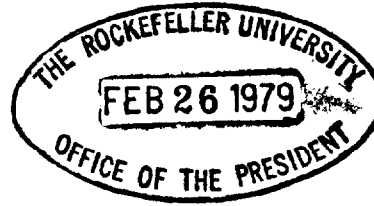


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Dear Dr. Lederberg,

Enclosed is the latest issue of Fusion Magazine, which contains an article on the crucial importance of research and advanced technology in the U.S. health care system. The article documents the positive role technology has played during the past decade, as opposed to the notion circulated by people such as Dr. John Knowles that recent technology has added virtually nothing to the overall state of health of the population. Such arguments have been used in our austerity-minded congress as justification for reducing federal spending on basic and applied biological research.

In order to counter this tendency, and an expected acceleration of this tendency as Senator Kennedy takes the reins of the Judiciary Committee, the FEF has called for the formation of a blue ribbon commission on biological research and medical care to evaluate objectively the relevant needs of the U.S. population. Once these needs have been determined, then it is up to the professionals in the various areas to provide for these needs. The question of available credit to pay for this revolves around the general level of the productivity of the economy as a whole, which in turn is closely related to policy decisions on the part of the government concerning industrial growth, in particular the question of industrializing the third world. For example, Mexico wants to trade its huge oil reserves for U.S. advanced technology. This deal would enormously stimulate the most advanced aspects of U.S. industry and R&D; Carter's apparent refusal of this offer, based on advice from Schlesinger and Brzezinski, is clearly not in the interests of the nation. I add this information to dispell any idea that we are asking for "pie in the sky", to point out that the conclusions of the kind of commission I have described could in fact be implimented, though of course this would not be part of the commission's work.

We invite you to join the blue ribbon commission, which is now in the early stages of formation; I will be contacting you to inform you of its progress. Please let us know if you are interested, and what your reactions are to the enclosed material.

Sincerely,

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